THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The percentage elderly persons below poverty line is not available separately.

(b) 391 Old Age homes run by non-governmental organizations are financially assisted by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Insurance schemes run by public sector organizations like LIC etc. do not insure people over the age of 70.

(c) State's best Medical facilities are open and available for all the citizens including elderly persons. Additionally, all States/UTs have been advised to provide for separate facilities such as queues for elderly person in hospitals.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Inclusion of Khana Badosh' in ST list

† 1310. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nomads popularly know as Khana Badosh (Kanjar) in Uttar Pradesh are demanding for the last several years to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribe under the category of Gihar tribals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that SC/ST Commission, Backward Commission and State Government have also accorded their approval for the same;

(c) if so, when Government had received the approval from the State Government and the said Commission; and

(d) by when the Kanjar caste will be included in the list of Scheduled Tribe?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (d) A representation has been recieved on 22.7.2002 for inclusion of the Khana Badosh (Kanjar) community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Uttar Pradesh, which has been forwarded to the State Government for comments. Recommendations of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the National Commission for Backward Classes and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the State Government regarding the inclusion of Khana Badosh (Kanjar) community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Uttar Pradesh has not been received. No specific time frame can be indicated at this stage as the matter is complex and involves consultation with expert agencies.

Tribal Development Projects in Himachal Pradesh

1311. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal development projects/programmes under implementation in Hilly/remote and farflung areas of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding corruption and irregularities in the implementation of these schemes in the State;

(c) if so, the steps taken to review the programmes; and

(d) the action initiated against such persons involved in irregularities?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a)The development programmes in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are not state specific but are implemented in all States with Scheduled Tribe population. The major programmes/schemes in operation through out the country, including Himachal Pradesh are as under:—

(1) Special Central Assistance to the Tribal Sun Plan
(2) Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution
(3) Research & Training
(4) State Tribal Development Coop. Corporations
(5) Girls Hostel for STs
(6) Book Bank for STs
(7) Coaching & Allied
(8) Boys Hostel for STs.
(9) Village Grain Banks
(10) Upgradation of Merit of ST Students
(11) Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas